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Commissioner of Patents
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Re: Amendment and Response

Appl. No.:

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Title:

Process for the Production of

L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the

Enterobacteriaceae Family

Inventor(s):

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Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
- 2. Replacement Sheet for Figue 1;
- 3. Petition for Extension of Time; and
- 4. Return postcard.

Applicant believes that the fees due for the filing of this response total \$120 for a one month extension of time. The Director is hereby authorized to charge this fee and any other fee required in connection with this filing, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7909/81000.

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It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postcard be stamped with the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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